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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: Dkt Nos. 02-307, 02-150, and 02-35; Special Temporary  
Authority In Connection With Hurricane Katrina**

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On September 13, 2005, the Wireline Competition Bureau granted BellSouth Special Temporary Authority (STA) to reroute traffic over its interLATA corporate network in order to facilitate the restoration of services of other carriers and its own affiliate affected by Hurricane Katrina.<sup>1</sup> The STA was granted for a 120 day period.

The STA has been an important measure in restoring services to areas devastated by the hurricane. BellSouth, its affiliate and other carriers have made substantial progress in their restoration efforts, and BellSouth's long distance affiliate and other carriers have transitioned most of their traffic from BellSouth's corporate network. Despite these substantial efforts, not all restoration activities could be completed

<sup>1</sup> Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Florida and Tennessee, WC Docket No. 02-307, Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Alabama, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and South Carolina, WC Docket No. 02-150, and Joint Application by BellSouth Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and BellSouth Long Distance, Inc., for Provision of In-Region, InterLATA Services in Georgia and Louisiana, CC Docket No. 02-35, Order (DA-05-2447), released September 13, 2005 ("STA Order").

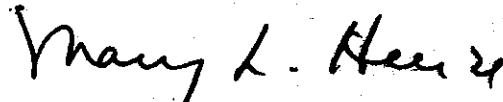
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within the 120 day period. BellSouth's network continues to be used by Sprint to handle overflow traffic that cannot be accommodated by the new arrangements implemented by Sprint in New Orleans. Sprint has requested permission to continue using BellSouth's interLATA network arrangement for an additional 90 days. According to Sprint, this additional 90 day-period would provide sufficient time for Sprint to rehome all of its services and complete restoration activities.

Accordingly, in accordance with the STA Order, BellSouth hereby requests that the Commission extend the authority granted under the STA Order for an additional 90 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Henze", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mary L. Henze

Cc: Tom Navin  
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Jeremy Miller